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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, On May 18, 1860, Abraham Lincoln was nominated to be the Republican Party candidate for President at the party's national convention at the Wigwam in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln's nomination and his subsequent election eventually resulted in the secession of the southern states from the Union and the outbreak of the Civil War; and

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WHEREAS, During the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln began the liberation of African-Americans from slavery, which led to constitutional recognition of their full citizenship and their posterity; and

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WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln's wise and courageous leadership of the nation through the Civil War led to a successful conclusion with full recognition of the Union throughout all its states; and

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WHEREAS, By preserving the Union and freeing the slaves, Abraham Lincoln accomplished what no one else in American history has been able to do; and

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WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln's words and acts before and after his nomination have guided and inspired millions of people

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1 throughout the world; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 designate the date of May 18, 2010 as Abraham Lincoln
5 Presidential Nomination Day in the State of Illinois and
6 encourage people of this State to reflect on the historical
7 importance of this day and commemorate the day with educational
8 and inspiring activities.